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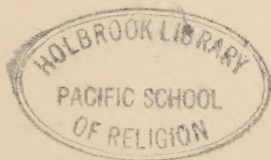


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Mastering fear

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After moving into a new house, I discovered several large spiders on the front porch and decided to spray the area with some powerful poison. Actually, it was my fear of their poison that prompted me to take the offensive. As I sprayed, a gust of wind blew the chemical back into my face, and a few hours later physical distress began.

A common approach to fear is to feel it but plunge ahead with whatever one has to do just the same. In fact, a football coach once told me the essence of manhood is being afraid and then going ahead in spite of one's fears. Yet Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, writes, “When fear disappears, the foundation of disease is gone.”¹ We also read in the same book, “We should master fear, instead of cultivating it.”²

Christian Science declares that fear is never a good thing, never a necessity. It explains that to master fear one must become more spiritually-minded. That means knowing God better, exercising spiritual intuition, understanding what is truly

good, and desiring such good more than anything else. This spiritualization of thought not only overcomes fear but saves the individual from the thing he feared.

God is Spirit, Life. He is All-in-all. He creates all that is real, and all that He creates is spiritual—in and of Himself. The poisons that claim to pollute the world exist as belief only. They are part of the false sense that tells us life and substance are material—that matter constitutes man and the universe.

The antidote for this lie is to grasp the fundamental spiritual truth that the universe, including man, is the reflection of God. Being spiritual, not material, man is safe. Realizing this, one begins to see, too, that all true action and volition must have their source in God. As human consciousness is uplifted by these truths, fear, as well as greed and the like, starts to disappear—first as motive and then as act—eroding the foundation of physical discords.

Our true identity, which is characterized by unimpeachable integrity or wholeness, is not restricted within the confines of matter. The physique, which we commonly think of as “me” and which seems to absorb much of our attention, is nothing more than an image or outline of mortal thought, a material concept of self. It is as harmonious or discordant as the thought that constitutes it.

The absolute fact is that man’s identity is the spiritual reflection of God’s being—therefore eternally good, never threatened by material dangers. Man’s life is the reflection of the one divine Life, and in God there is no impairment or evil of any kind.

The understanding of these truths heals discords. For through this understanding we learn to deny and cast out of human consciousness everything that argues against the allness of God, good. We call this scientific prayer, and it is the means by which one learns to destroy the basis of fear—the false belief that man is separated from God. Paul was faithful to this prayer. Those who saw a viper fasten itself to Paul’s hand were convinced the poisonous serpent was an agent of God’s judgment, but Paul calmly “shook off the beast” and “felt no harm.”³

We, too, can shake off the beast of fear and thus destroy the

sensation of fear that can paralyze right thought and action. God's spiritual creation begins with pure goodness and eternally develops itself unalloyed with evil. The Bible reveals this truth. Indeed, the works of Christ Jesus remain a mystery if viewed from any other standpoint. And Genesis declares, "God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good."⁴

Only through the understanding that good alone is real can we comprehend the law that underlies and governs God's creation. This understanding, coming to light through our native spiritual-mindedness, opens up new vistas and reveals solutions to human problems unthought of before. As we part with material beliefs, relying less and less on the evaluations of the material senses, we will see that man is in God's care, totally safe as His spiritual offspring, exempt from the so-called poisons and other dangers inherent in the material sense of existence.

Christ Jesus demonstrated step by step the spiritual animus and authority that result from the understanding that man is God's reflection. Casting out fear, Jesus not only healed disease but raised the dead. And he urged us all to grow into the same spiritual stature.

Living life unafraid, by outgrowing old fears and mastering new ones, is right and natural. And such mastery will support mankind's efforts to conquer fear and to awaken to divine Truth, Life, and Love, to good's infinitude.

As this truth of being dawned on me, it rooted out a childhood fear of spiders—a fear I had lived with long enough. The physical suffering I felt after spraying the porch with poison ceased, and I found myself completely healed.

¹ *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 368; ² *ibid.*, p. 197; ³ Acts 28:5; ⁴ Gen. 1:31.

*The beloved of the Lord
shall dwell in safety by him;
and the Lord shall cover him all the day long,
and he shall dwell between his shoulders.*

Deuteronomy 33:12

Don't ignore the rules!

DOROTHY H. JONES

Human nature often resists rules. But obedience to rules is needed for almost all successful accomplishment. The effective practice of scientific Christianity requires us to learn what its rules are and then strive to follow them.

In the demonstration of the divine law of God, good, Christian Science teaches us to remain alert to the belief of evil, or animal magnetism. This alertness is important to the metaphysician. A fundamental rule concerning evil, we discover, is that evil must be deprived of its erroneous claim to power. Mrs. Eddy asks in *Science and Health*: "Who, that has felt the perilous beliefs in life, substance, and intelligence separated from God, can say that there is no error of belief? Knowing the claim of animal magnetism, that all evil combines in the belief of life, substance, and intelligence in matter, electricity, animal nature, and organic life, who will deny that these are the errors which Truth must and will annihilate?"¹

The revelation of Christian Science is twofold: it presents the Comforter, bringing to the world the knowledge of the total goodness of God, and—as a logical consequence—exposing the nothingness of evil.

Because of its teachings that evil is and always has been unreal, Christian Science may seem to the casual inquirer to gloss over the world's struggle with evil. But a thoughtful investigation of the divine metaphysics of this Science finds its Christian logic. This insists on knowing God as all power and conceding no power to evil. Furthermore, this high standpoint not only effectively prepares the Christian Scientist to deal with various claims of evil but necessarily demands that he overcome them.

Contemplating the career of Christ Jesus, we are struck by his attention to the destruction of evil. Wherever he went he challenged evil, whether it appeared in the form of a crippled body or a crippling religious custom. John's First Epistle tells us, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."² Our mission as followers of the Master is to learn to know God as Jesus knew Him, and to love Him as Jesus did. This will give us such a high view of the spiritual perfection of God's work that we will more readily recognize the works of the devil, that is, the mortal beliefs of imperfection. We see then that evil, in whatever guise, can't really be true because it is not created by God.

Divine Mind, knowing its own allness, can't know false belief; it is our work to detect it, deny it, and then dwell on what we know of God and man until we clearly see the nothingness of the error. The book of Job says of God: "He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not; he will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light. Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with man."³

Error is anything that dishonors God. This is why a Christian metaphysician is compelled to learn the illusive nature of evil, including the fraudulent sense that would make us want to resist grappling with and destroying the belief in error. "It is of infinite importance to man's spiritual progress," Mrs. Eddy points out, "and to his demonstration of Truth in casting out error,—sickness, sin, disease, and death, in all their forms,—that the terms and nature of Deity and devil be understood."⁴

Early in her acquaintance with Christian Science, a young woman was shown the necessity of confronting the claims of animal magnetism. One afternoon while she was reading a testimony in a copy of a *Christian Science Sentinel*, her heart overflowed with gratitude for God and for this Science. Moments later, certain physical symptoms that had indicated the return of a seasonal ailment completely disappeared. When she shared this healing with two close relatives, they scoffed at it and predicted a return of the condition. However, remaining undismayed by

their reaction and convinced she was healed, the young woman forgot the incident.

The following year these same relatives began to comment about the ailment and the suffering in store for her. When she told her troubles to a Christian Science practitioner, the practitioner responded by asking her if she habitually reminded herself of the powerlessness of animal magnetism.

With the practitioner's help the young woman saw that her relatives' unwillingness to believe in God's power to heal prevented them from accepting the healing. This is a phase, she realized, of the world's impersonal hatred of Truth. We have to recognize this error as aggressive suggestion. Then, from the standpoint of Love's allness, we have to see it as nothing.

Inspired by the practitioner's assurance that Love fills all space and is the only Mind of man, the young woman was able to see deeper meaning in these words of Mrs. Eddy's: "Every day makes its demands upon us for higher proofs rather than professions of Christian power. These proofs consist solely in the destruction of sin, sickness, and death by the power of Spirit, as Jesus destroyed them. This is an element of progress, and progress is the law of God, whose law demands of us only what we can certainly fulfil." ⁵

Christian Science, the young woman saw now, demands not only the demonstration of the unreality of sickness and disease but also the demonstration of the unreality of mortal mind's resistance to the work of healing. After this experience she was more alert to deny the belief of evil. She was never bothered again by that physical condition, and her relatives never mentioned it again.

We can't expect to destroy every belief of evil in a day. To learn all the rules of Christian Science and how to apply them effectively takes experience. But the full glory of spiritual understanding, which we are progressively winning, makes each step of the way worthwhile.

¹ *Science and Health*, pp. 450-451; ² I John 3:8; ³ Job 33:27-29; ⁴ *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 192; ⁵ *Science and Health*, p. 233.

Changing the mode of battle

DIANE STAUNTON STAPLES

Picture the scene from Goliath's point of view.¹ He was expecting someone in armor, carrying a sword, to come out of the camp of the Israelites and meet him in hand-to-hand combat. Instead, there stood David, with no armor, carrying only a staff in his hand. Goliath was not only astonished, he was insulted! "Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves?" he roared. (Goliath was apparently referring to the shepherd's staff David carried, a staff he might have used to drive off a wild dog trying to attack his sheep.)

But Goliath was totally missing something. For in his other hand, apparently unnoticed, David held his sling. Through reliance on God, David was about to completely change the mode of battle and thus win the victory. And what was about to occur was entirely beyond Goliath's ability to foresee or comprehend.

What parallel can we draw from this today? Can we learn to be modern-day Davids, trusting in God and toppling giant false beliefs with well-aimed truths?

Goliath can be seen as representing mortal mind—the supposed mind apart from God that is the source of all seeming evil and error. Mortal mind challenges us regularly, in many ways, and always the invitation is to meet it in hand-to-hand combat—on its own material level. For example, when we have a physical illness, mortal mind is challenging us, and the hand-to-hand combat it suggests would involve attacking the problem with matter—drugs or surgery. But the Christian Scientist has elected to meet illness another way. Like David, he trusts God and raises the battle to a higher mode. His weapon consists of spiritual facts: metaphysical truths of God and man, and a clear understanding of the nothingness of evil and error. These spirit-

ual facts heal where drugs and surgery cannot. We always ultimately win the victory when we stand firm and use the truths of Christian Science.

What about other types of problems? Moral problems, for example, or relationship problems. Are we always as quick in these cases to raise the battle to the higher method that wins?

Take the problem of temptation—the temptation to do something that one knows is wrong. Temptation can be struggled with and wrestled with. But does that win the battle? Or is it only meeting mortal mind in hand-to-hand combat?

Moving the battle to a higher mode always involves bringing spiritual facts into play in consciousness. In the case of temptation, this might involve becoming more aware of God's allness, and of the total unreality of evil. We might need to declare firmly that what seems to be a temptation is not a real "something" but is actually nothing, and that therefore we cannot be tempted by it. Seeing this, we move higher to realize that we are *not*, in fact, tempted by it, because the real, spiritual man (which each of us is) is pure and good, and is never tempted by the nothingness of evil, no matter how attractively it seems to present itself. Ultimately, we realize that because we know the false claim of temptation to be totally unreal, we cannot be *fooled into believing*, even temporarily, that we are being tempted, or have been tempted, or might be tempted.

Spiritual facts, understood and then firmly held to, are the winning weapons in any battle with temptation. They result in victory. In fact, only such spiritual weapons, showing one the nothingness of evil and the allness of God, *can* give a total victory over temptation. For the victory is not in mere resistance, or even successful resistance, as important as it is to resist evil. The victory is in seeing so clearly the total unreality of evil that one eventually ceases to be tempted by it. This is the victory of genuine freedom.

What about the problem of an unhappy relationship? Are we dealing with it on the merely human level? Are we reacting? Trying not to react? Perhaps trying to be more loving without understanding the spiritual basis for such action? Spiritual facts of God and man can be brought into play here, such as the one-

ness of Mind and the fact that as Mind's spiritual ideas we all function in harmony with each other, never in conflict. When such truths are firmly held and conscientiously applied to the situation, the inharmony is seen as the nothingness that it really is, and it vanishes. This allows the harmonious relationship that was always really present to shine forth.

Christian Science treatment frequently involves affirming the truth we know and denying the error that is being suggested. These affirmations and denials, done with understanding, can be the winning weapons in getting the victory over any problem, and this is why they are so important in Christian Science treatment. They change the method of the battle, raising it to the higher mode at which we can win it.

Paul, a dedicated Christian warrior and healer, who piled victory on top of victory in the name of Christ, has wisely advised that "though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."²

We know what the absolute truths of God and man are, because God has revealed them through the Bible and the works of our Leader, Mrs. Eddy. We need to apply them to every challenge that confronts us. When problems arise, do we sometimes accept mortal mind's invitation to meet it in hand-to-hand combat, applying unenlightened human reasoning, human will, human efforts to do better? Mrs. Eddy clearly states: "You weaken or destroy your power when you resort to any except spiritual means."³ Throughout her writings she is showing us how to pick up the winning weapon of spiritual facts, raise the battle to a higher mode, and win it quickly.

Do you have a problem? Any problem? Survey the scene from David's point of view. What method will you choose? What weapons will you use?

¹ See I Sam. 17:38-50; ² II Cor. 10:3-5; ³ *Science and Health*, p. 181.

What is the prayer of faith?

BARBARA CORBETT MYERS

"I believe in God, but it doesn't do any good. God doesn't seem to answer my prayers. I guess I just don't have enough faith." If we ever find ourselves thinking along these lines, we can remember Christ Jesus' instruction, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."¹

Perhaps we've felt like that despairing father whose son had a history of violent seizures. This case had even become the focus of a public controversy when Jesus' disciples failed to heal it. A crowd had gathered. When the Master reached the scene, the father appealed to him. Jesus answered, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." The father replied, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief."² Then Jesus showed that faith springing from a spiritual understanding of God is equal to any emergency. He promptly healed the son right in front of the crowd.

"Unbelief" sometimes tries to get in the way of our prayer. The remedy is faith. The Bible tells us, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick . . . ; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."³ On page one of the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health*, Mrs. Eddy puts it this way: "The prayer that reforms the sinner and heals the sick is an absolute faith that all things are possible to God,—a spiritual understanding of Him, an unselfed love."

The faith that moves mountains might be explained as knowing what's really true—even if you can't see it—and sticking to it until you do! "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."⁴

God, who created man as His ideal, spiritual expression, never

denies our harmony. But too often *we* do! How? By expressing doubts—lacking expectancy. By thinking, “I haven’t enough comprehension of God. I can’t prove my perfection. Christian Science may work for some people, but not for me. What’s the use; it’s too late anyhow.” These thoughts would discard Deity as useless. But God is the impartial Principle, Love, to whom nothing is impossible. True prayer embodies a trust in God’s infinite might and man’s unfallen status. This prayer, however simple, brings us into harmony with our divine Principle.

“But isn’t it hypocritical,” skepticism argues, “to claim to have faith while something still seems to whisper inside us, ‘I don’t know . . . I’m so afraid’?” Not at all! That’s like a prosecutor using false testimony to trick us into self-incrimination. Basing our silent declarations on solid spiritual evidence rather than on sensory phenomena, we can confidently affirm, “I do know, for the divine, all-knowing Mind imparts my knowing! And I’m unafraid, for omnipotent Love is perpetually with me. Spirit is my Life, the infinite source of energy that doesn’t wear out.” This doesn’t conflict with the accurate recounting of human events. To affirm our faith is to testify to the evidence of Spirit, not of matter.

If we acknowledge God as the one and only Mind, we won’t belittle our faith or comprehension either, for we’ll claim no personal, private intellect of our own to doubt or contradict divine logic. We’ll express the divine Mind’s perfect consciousness of its own omniscience and be unconfused by mortal speculation or fears.

Isn’t true faith derived from Principle? It is not some mystical feeling or fanatic courage to be summoned up. It’s a conviction, not originating in any personal emotion but in the understanding imparted by infinite Mind. It’s available to you—now. It is a deep inner assurance dispelling unsettled feelings.

Undeviating allegiance to what we know is really, spiritually true, even if we cannot at first see or feel it, will enable us to experience the evidence of things unseen. To put it another way, the prayer of faith is confirmed in its effect—in healing.

¹ Mark 11:24; ² 9:23, 24; ³ James 5:15; ⁴ Heb. 11:1.

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Man as God's expression

FRANK H. EWING

We may think of a work of art as a painter's expression, or a musical composition as a composer's expression. In each case the artist is doing the expressing. In the spiritual realm God is doing the expressing through His creation, man.

When Moses was receiving instructions from God on how to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, he asked how he should speak of Deity. God answered: "I AM THAT I AM."¹ There is only one real Being, who is responsible for all causation or expression, and that is God. If we acknowledge the perfection of God, then a good explanation of man would be that

he is the result of God's expressing Himself perfectly.

The belief that man or any element of man is subject to or limited by changeable matter is contrary to man's true identity. Man, as the expression of Spirit, must always be a spiritual being. His real individuality must be the embodiment of right ideas emanating only from the divine Mind, God.

Our real identity, then, is not a fleshly form, structured by bone, powered by muscle, and fed by the bloodstream. Man's individuality is independent of matter and structured by divine Principle. His being is always maintained in a perfect state, subject to neither disease nor accident. It is powered by the only, omnipotent, never-failing God. It is fed by omnipresent Love. God's qualities can never be subject to any malfunction or disorder, because God is the source, the

only expresser or origin. The qualities that God is expressing are complete and perfect. Ecclesiastes tells us, "I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it." ²

This clearer view of real identity heals the physical body. "Immortal Mind feeds the body with supernal freshness and fairness, supplying it with beautiful images of thought and destroying the woes of sense which each day brings to a nearer tomb," ³ Mrs. Eddy writes in the Christian Science textbook. As we listen more and more to Mind and less and less to matter, this feeding, this refreshing, this refining, go on continually through the activity of Christ, Truth. As we come to understand better that Mind is the expresser and that man is the result of that expressing, we demonstrate more harmony within ourselves, our home, and

our environment. This loving care of Mind, this beautifying, is a part of our real existence.

“All that really exists is the divine Mind and its idea,” Mrs. Eddy writes, “and in this Mind the entire being is found harmonious and eternal.”⁴ God is responsible for all, and all must therefore be perfectly expressed.

¹ Ex. 3:14; ² Eccl. 3:14; ³ *Science and Health*, p. 248; ⁴ *ibid.*, p. 151.

*The Lord hath appeared of old unto me,
saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love:
therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.*

Jeremiah 31:3

The Vienna summit and the power of God

The recent summit meeting between the United States and Soviet leaders involved much more than the signing of SALT II (the second strategic arms limitation agreement). Talks at the summit ranged over the whole spectrum of U.S.-Soviet relations—and differences—including areas of the world, such as Africa and the Middle East, where the superpowers' interests conflict.

The very day SALT II was being signed in Vienna, Christian Scientists throughout the world were beginning their week-long study of the Bible Lesson¹ entitled "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" They were thus uniting in prayer for the protection of the world from nuclear accidents or a nuclear war.

Mrs. Eddy's clear understanding of the spiritual, indestructible, and orderly nature of the universe enabled her to make this remarkable statement in *Science and Health*: "The material so-called gases and forces are counterfeits of the spiritual forces of divine Mind, whose potency is Truth, whose attraction is Love, whose adhesion and cohesion are Life, perpetuating the eternal facts of being."²

The atomic arsenals held by both superpowers and the fear of what nuclear war would involve have for many years been considered a deterrent to such a war. Now there are suggestions that the "nuclear deterrent" theory no longer holds good and that one superpower *could* defeat the other in a nuclear conflict, despite the incalculable losses for all that such a "victory" would entail.

This is in the realm of human speculation and hypothesis. Scientific prayer looks to the only sure deterrent against an outburst of evil, whatever form it would claim to assume: the spiritual fact

of God's allness and His total direction of the universe He creates. The infinitude of Mind rules out the possibility of there being a power opposed to God to produce destructive upheavals.

When big issues like the nuclear threat and superpower rivalry confront us in the headlines, we should remind ourselves that the Christ, Truth, realized and lived, silences the storms buffeting and menacing human thought.

Suspicion and distrust have beset the superpower relationship. A successful summit meeting can help to improve the climate of relations. But that alone is not enough. Only Truth itself gets to the root of mortal conflicts and dispels them.

Suspicion and distrust are seeds sown by the carnal or mortal mind, whose very nature is to deceive and divide. The answer is to be found in consistent, prayerful acknowledgment of the omnipotence of the one infinite Mind, God, who knows no ethnic or ideological differences or rivalries, but holds all in unity within the law of universal harmony.

We can actively trust the truth of God and the universe to uncover whatever hidden motives or strategies need to be known and to point the way to correct them. The Bible says, "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." ³

Even if the SALT treaty is ratified, the history of mankind shows that no treaty concluded by statesmen is of itself sufficient to procure lasting peace. Actually, peace is a fact of God as divine Love, embracing His sons and daughters in unity of Spirit. We support peace as we discern this fact and base our lives on it, meeting each claim of conflicting interests with the sure conviction that there is one Mind, whose will is good for all. Christ Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." ⁴

This is the peace Christian Science points to as an ever-open possibility for individuals and the world. Our prayers—our affirmations of the scientific truth of being and perceptive negations of the influences of evil—are much needed.

¹ In the *Christian Science Quarterly*; ² *Science and Health*, p. 293; ³ Eccl. 12:14; ⁴ John 14:27.

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The basis of demonstration

Principle, the Divine Being, in expressing itself manifests its perfection—eternally. It does so without delay or hesitation. And it does so without toiling.

In demonstrating Christian Science, these are pivotal truths. Should healing seem uncertain, slow, labored, we can carefully check the premise of our prayer and thought. Here is an important criterion from Mary Baker Eddy against which we can measure our approach: “The Christlike understanding of scientific being and divine healing includes a perfect Principle and idea,—perfect God and perfect man,—as the basis of thought and demonstration.”¹

Christian Science prayer and demonstration, starting with God, start with perfection. Man, seen from the standpoint of Spirit, is perfect—is as perfect as the standpoint. Man, seen from the standpoint of a mortal, is believed to be mortal and imperfect—as imperfect as that standpoint. Man is as flawless as God because man is the reflection of God. God is the fountain of ideal, ever-unfolding being, revealing Himself without resistance or stoppage. In this sense, He is at rest. And man is at rest, enjoying—even being—the eternal expressiveness of divine Life.

The right basis for demonstration involves knowing that man is not a finite, human personality trying to reflect God. Man is the reflection itself. “Man reflects infinity,” Mrs. Eddy says, “and this reflection is the true idea of God.”² This reflection is the only identity anyone has ever actually had. God’s reflection is not a spiritualized mortal nor a spiritualizing mortal. Man could never be spiritualized, because he has always been the re-

flection of Spirit. Knowing this, we demonstrate it in more vital living, saner thinking, quicker healing.

Any struggle we have in demonstrating the truth of being is in direct proportion to our failure to admit perfect Principle and idea as the basis of thought. The success we have is in direct proportion to our grasp and conviction of the perfection of God and man as the basis of thought and living.

In Science, healing doesn't involve humanly mental gymnastics or manipulation. The unscientific method wrestles with material unreality; but Christian Science identifies divine reality. The ability to do this demands spiritual growth. Identifying God's reality is not a psychological event or a mental gimmick. It is spiritual and has divine authority.

The inquirer into Science will find one of the sound starting points to be these synonymous terms for God: Mind, Principle, Soul, Spirit, Truth, Love, Life. The theology of Science is the preliminary to its healing. This theology is essential to its practice. Without this theology, Science would be one more variant of human mind cure. Our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, points out, "All Science is divine, not human, in origin and demonstration." And, further along: "Take away the theology of mental healing and you take away its science, leaving it a human 'mind-cure,' nothing more nor less,—even one human mind governing another; by which, if you agree that God is Mind, you admit that there is more than one government and God. Having no true sense of the healing theology of Mind, you can neither understand nor demonstrate its Science, and will practise your belief of it in the name of Truth. This is the mortal 'mind-cure' that produces the effect of mesmerism."³

In demonstrating Science we are not simply thrown on our own resources, like mathematics students trying to make some calculation in an exam, the professor's guidance no longer available. God directs us. He does this through the Christ. It is the Christ that makes—*is*—the communication from perfect, divine consciousness to the inadequate mortal consciousness that seems to be ours. That false, lack-light mentality is outshone by the brilliance of the divine consciousness coming to us through the Christ. Then, to human sense, our thought is blessed. It is

increasingly spiritualized. We enjoy more "the Christlike understanding of scientific being." We accept "perfect God and perfect man" as the basis of prayer and demonstration. We heal. We are more responsive to healing treatment. We bathe in heretofore unknown depths of inspiration. We are baptized in Spirit.

When our Christian Science demonstration is on the right basis, we know we are not setting out to spiritualize a mortal person (though to human sense it may look that way) but to recognize man as eternally and unfailingly spiritual.

What human mind cure would do is to temporarily rearrange a material, personal sense of being. Lacking the theology of Science, it would fix up the dream of life in matter by manipulating that dream, not by spiritually awakening us from it.

The demonstrations of Christ Jesus were so telling and so unequivocal because they were made on the ideal spiritual basis. "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work,"⁴ he explained. In the theology of Science, not just God is perfect. The perfection of man is the consequence of the everlasting unity of Mind and idea. The divine source, Mind, and what that source knows (man and the universe) constitute the oneness of being.

Christian Science teachings follow those of Christ Jesus. Demonstration comes from knowing the unity of God and man, as Christ Jesus did. And our demonstrations are evidence of this oneness. Demonstration is the ongoing appearing of divine unity to human sight. It is the proof of human perception giving place to spiritual sense and to "the Christlike understanding of scientific being."

GEOFFREY J. BARRATT

¹ *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 259; ² *ibid.*, p. 258; ³ *Miscellaneous Writings*, pp. 58-59; ⁴ John 5:17.

Healing by knowing discord has no cause

“I strongly affirmed my likeness to God as His perfect reflection and stopped finding reasons for error. Next morning I woke up quite free from all the symptoms and have felt stronger and more fit every day since.”

How simple healing seems when it takes place through such straightforward application of Christian Science teachings to one's thinking. The writer of those two sentences is an experienced Christian Scientist. Over the years she had no doubt thought long and deeply about what it means to be God's perfect reflection—His offspring created in His image and maintained by His law of harmony in His perfect likeness. She had observed again and again that faithful adherence to the spiritual facts of being as outlined in the Bible, and so wonderfully proved by Christ Jesus and his followers, can be expected to heal whatever discords seem to plague one in daily life.

These spiritual facts include the truth that God, good, is All-in-all, and there is no other substance or presence. There is no law governing the universe and man except God's law of harmony. There is no opposing power—no evil power—to harm or destroy any object made by God. Life and Love are invariably expressed in man, and nothing can cause anyone to fall from the standard of perfection or disrupt his health and wholeness. The belief that a destructive power exists is an error that is effectively silenced and destroyed by knowing what is true.

The efficacy of this Christly method of dealing with discord was demonstrated by the Apostle Paul when he saw the apparently lifeless body of Eutychus after the young man had fallen “from the third loft.” Paul said to the unhappy bystanders, “Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.”¹ The apostle had been delivering a rather long sermon, and no doubt he was inspired with the understanding of the risen Christ, and of

God, divine Life, as ever present. On a previous occasion, while preaching in Athens, he had made the statement, "In him [God] we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring." ² Paul was well aware of the healing truth and was faithful to it now.

While others were accepting the belief that Eutychus was dead because he had fallen heavily from a great height, Paul must have been filled with the truth of the young man's inseparability from God. Trusting in God's goodness so completely, Paul could admit no reason for discord, death, or error of any kind, and his steadfast adherence to the Christ, Truth, restored Eutychus to the normal condition of vitality and activity.

Referring to the scientific method of dealing with cases of accident, the Discoverer of Christian Science, Mrs. Eddy, points out in *Science and Health* that we cause physical discords by believing and declaring that we are hurt. She writes: "When an accident happens, you think or exclaim, 'I am hurt!' Your thought is more powerful than your words, more powerful than the accident itself, to make the injury real." And she goes on: "Now reverse the process. Declare that you are not hurt and understand the reason why, and you will find the ensuing good effects to be in exact proportion to your disbelief in physics, and your fidelity to divine metaphysics, confidence in God as All, which the Scriptures declare Him to be." ³

The tendency of mortals is to try to justify the pretensions of evil—to support its claims to existence by finding some apparent cause for an injury or discord. Thereby they perpetuate the belief of hurt instead of annihilating it. Where a cause for discord is not immediately apparent, they even set out to look for one—to identify a "reason" why some discordant physical condition should exist. But Science insists that there is no discord in God's universe and no cause for any human appearance of it. For our own good we should, rather, deny the very existence of discord and disease—deny that we are hurt or sick or deprived of any good thing—and deny that there is any reason for us to feel that we suffer from any of these errors.

Self-examination that is designed to find causes for discord should cease. We should stifle such questions as "What did I eat

to bring on nausea and stomach upset?" Sickness is not true. It is contrary to God's law. It has no cause and no course to run. God is the only cause, and His law ensures peace.

Exposure to a draft of cold air is no reason to suffer from a sore throat. Inflammation is not of God and therefore not of man, who is God's reflection. It has no reality, and we should refuse to support it by claiming that it has a cause, knowing, as we should, that God, good, is the only power.

A fall cannot rightly be blamed for lameness or death. Neither lameness nor death is possible to man, God's reflection. Neither has foundation or reality. To believe that they have a cause is to support a lie, for in truth man is always upright and harmonious.

Our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, writes: "Watch, and pray daily that evil suggestions, in whatever guise, take no root in your thought nor bear fruit. Oftimes examine yourselves, and see if there be found anywhere a deterrent of Truth and Love, and 'hold fast that which is good.'"⁴ As we stop trying to find reasons for error and declare instead that we are not hurt "and understand the reason why," symptoms of physical discord vanish and healing inevitably occurs.

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¹ Acts 20:9, 10; ² 17:28; ³ *Science and Health*, p. 397. ⁴ *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, pp. 128-129.

*Unto him that is able to keep you from falling,
and to present you faultless
before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,
to the only wise God our Saviour,
be glory and majesty, dominion and power,
both now and ever.*

Jude 1:24, 25

Hornets proved harmless

Beverly Jeanne Ness

One sunny afternoon four-year-old Kevin and his sister and mother were out-of-doors. Kevin was on his tricycle, and as he turned his head to look back, he rode right into a bush. He didn't mean to, but he disturbed a nest of hornets and they stung him on the leg.

He began crying and his leg started to swell. As they started for home, Kevin ran ahead and Mom began praying. She knew that accidents are contrary to God's law and that this dear child of God could not be harmed in any way.

When they got home, Kevin and Mom talked about what was true and what wasn't. They knew that he was not hurt, because he was God's perfect child, as Christ Jesus taught. They talked about some things Kevin had learned in the Christian Science Sunday School. They remembered how in the lions' den Daniel had not been injured or even touched by the hungry lions.

After Kevin calmed down and went away, Mom got out *Science and Health* by Mary Baker Eddy and used the Concordance to look up the word "harmless." She found where Mrs. Eddy says, "All of God's creatures, moving in the harmony of Science, are harmless, useful, indestructible."¹

Kevin ran in crying again while Mom was reading, and Mom said gently, "Do you trust God to take care of you?" He said, "Yes." "Then say it out loud in your own words," she suggested. With deep feeling Kevin said he knew God was always with him and he trusted Him. He also thanked Him for loving us. With that he ran back into the other room, feeling much better.

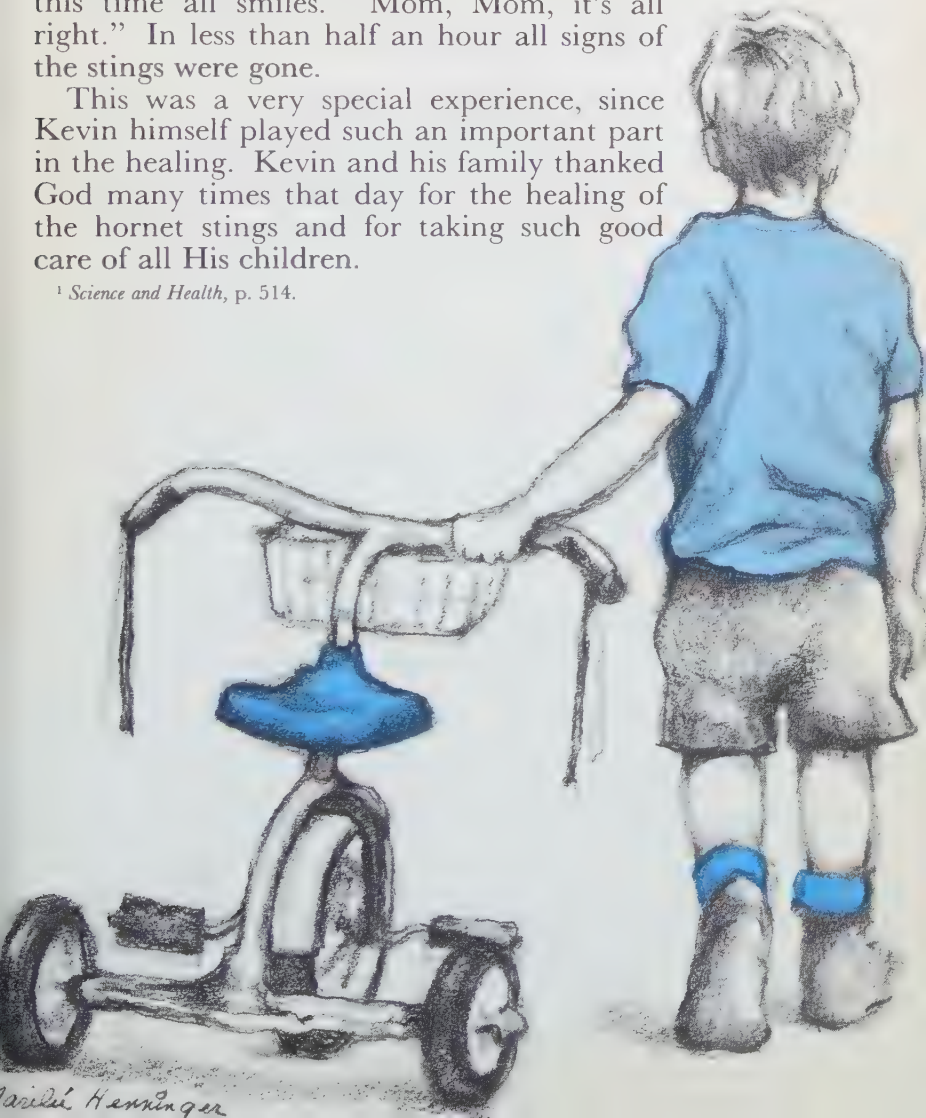
A few minutes later he came in a second time complaining. This time Mother said, "Kevin, I will help you and

stick by you, but I won't feel sorry for you or sympathize with you, because that would be admitting that you are hurt, and we know God wouldn't let that happen." He agreed and left the room.

Less than five minutes later he came running in again, this time all smiles. "Mom, Mom, it's all right." In less than half an hour all signs of the stings were gone.

This was a very special experience, since Kevin himself played such an important part in the healing. Kevin and his family thanked God many times that day for the healing of the hornet stings and for taking such good care of all His children.

¹ *Science and Health*, p. 514.



David Heninger

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Testimonies of Christian Science Healing

While I was serving as First Reader in a branch church a few years ago, I had a severe sore throat on a Friday, and the next day my voice was completely gone. I knew that I had to read the next morning and that there could be no evil power to keep me from fulfilling what I felt was a wonderful duty. I knew God would be with me, and that God's word would always come through. I realized that it was not so much my voice that was to be heard as it was God's presence that was to be felt. It did not occur to me to ask for a substitute Reader, because my trust in divine Love was strong and I had no fear that I would not be able to read. Walking up to the desk on Sunday morning, I felt God's love, care, and support all around me. When I started to read, the first sentences seemed a little veiled, but very soon my voice became perfectly clear, and the throat trouble was completely healed.

Mary Baker Eddy says in *Miscellaneous Writings* (p. 334): "You must find error to be *nothing*: then, and *only* then, do you handle it in Science." I know that I really saw error as nothing and therefore it had no power over me. "In proportion as matter loses to human sense all entity as man, in that proportion does man become its master" (*Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mrs. Eddy, p. 369).

During the more than thirty years that I have been a student of Christian Science I have had many blessings and healings. One of those healings was of stomach trouble I had had for years

The statements made in these testimonies with regard to healings have been carefully verified. The original testimonies and their respective verifications are on file for reference with The Christian Science Publishing Society.—THE EDITORS.

before I knew anything about this Science. I could not eat heavy things. My mother always cooked something else for me, to prevent pain and vomiting. Through the teaching of Christian Science I learned very quickly the truth of Christ Jesus' words (Luke 12:29), "Seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind." This made me understand that I could eat what I wanted because it was not the food that made me ill, but only my thought about the food. To quote Christ Jesus again (Matt. 15:11): "Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man." This understanding helped me to overcome the stomach trouble, and the healing has been permanent.

I am very thankful that this wonderful and practical religion named Christian Science, discovered and founded by our beloved Leader, Mrs. Eddy, came into my life.

Another healing was that my fear of God changed into love for Him. When I was a child, a friend often told me never to do anything that would not please God for He would punish me. This fear stayed with me, and because of it I did not want to hear or read anything about God. This lasted until I was married. My husband had just started the study of Christian Science. After being married for half a year, an angel thought led me to go with my husband to church. This was a Wednesday evening testimony meeting, and there were two testimonies that struck me especially. They put me to thinking and pondering, and I began to read *Science and Health*. Now I got a whole new understanding of God—that He is Love and that He loves His children and that He does not know sickness or any evil. The Bible tells us He is "of purer eyes than to behold evil" (Hab. 1:13). From that time on, I attended all the church services, became a member of a branch Church of Christ, Scientist, and of The Mother Church, and had class instruction. I am so happy that I am cured of the wrong concept of God. I am grateful to Mrs. Eddy, who explained God's true nature, what God really is—namely, Love. May every creature find God!

(Mrs.) ELISABETH C. SCHUMANN-REDEKER
Zandvoort, Netherlands

Many years ago my mother was taken to a hospital, seriously ill from an internal disorder. She was said to be dying by the physicians attending her—they told us she could not live the weekend. We knew she had some interest in Christian Science and decided to turn to this Science as a last resort. She was removed from the hospital, and we called a Christian Science practitioner to treat her through prayer. Improvement was soon noted, and later Mother was completely healed.

Because of this healing my wife and I began attending a branch Church of Christ, Scientist. We became members of that church, and later we joined The Mother Church. Christian Science class instruction furthered my spiritual understanding of the healing efficacy of this Science.

One morning recently, word came over the radio that fire had started in the brush a distance from our home. As the day went on, a strong wind developed, which brought this destructive fire in our direction.

In *Science and Health* Mrs. Eddy tells us (p. 293), "There is no vapid fury of mortal mind—expressed in earthquake, wind, wave, lightning, fire, bestial ferocity—and this so-called mind is self-destroyed." As I sat praying in my room I could see the glow and flare-ups from the fire. But I felt completely confident that the divine Mind is the only real Mind and that this Mind governs all with harmony and is all power.

Then I became aware of a strong flare-up only a block away. My son came in and said that the wind was blowing the fire toward us and that my wife and I should leave. As we walked out of the house, sparks were landing in the street in front of us. We drove to a friend's house some distance away, constantly reaffirming this statement (*ibid.*, p. 228): "There is no power apart from God."

A few hours later my son phoned and said that the fire had passed by and that our house was not touched. Shortly after we left he had gone up to the roof. From there he saw the wind reverse direction and begin blowing the fire back toward the mountains. What an abundance of good has come to me through the study of this healing Science!

Recently a painful condition in my body was healed when I

realized more fully that, in reality, I coexist with God. Since God is eternal, without beginning or end, my true life is perpetual—free of mortal beginning and end. The suggestion that matter is intelligent or real was denied vehemently, as Mrs. Eddy instructs us to do. I found this passage most helpful (*ibid.*, p. 103): “As named in Christian Science, animal magnetism or hypnotism is the specific term for error, or mortal mind. It is the false belief that mind is in matter, and is both evil and good; that evil is as real as good and more powerful.” The healing of the condition has been permanent.

I have much gratitude for The Mother Church and its activities throughout the world, including dedicated Christian Science practitioners and inspiring church services.

THOMAS G. RICHARDS
Pacific Palisades, California



Years ago I was having surgery and caustic treatment for polypous growths and adenoids. When I told an aunt how terrible the treatments were, she lent me *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy. My mother was skeptical of Christian Science and disturbed about my reading this book. But a friend told my mother that this Science heals and that her uncle was a Christian Science practitioner.

The next time I was to go to the doctor, my father and I stopped by to talk with this uncle. He spoke to us of God's great love and how it heals just as it did when Christ Jesus was on earth. As we sat quietly, he prayed for me and asked us to repeat the Lord's Prayer.

Later that day I kept the appointment with the doctor, who examined my throat and found no trace of the trouble. The polypous growths and adenoidal difficulty had been completely healed. My father and I stopped at the Christian Science Reading Room to purchase a copy of *Science and Health*. Then we went home and threw out all our medicine.

Years later I was hit by a car and seriously injured. A crowd gathered and demanded I be taken to a hospital. There the

medics found I had a concussion and that my leg had been nearly severed; the outer muscle was gone and the bones shattered. My father told them we were Christian Scientists. The doctor said it was impossible to set the bones or graft the flesh. They took X-rays and sent them to a clinic for advice. The clinic wired back to amputate the leg immediately. My father refused to have this done and insisted on taking me home. They wrapped my leg in a splint, and I was sent home in an ambulance.

We had had some wonderful healings in our family, and from the start I knew I could be healed. A Christian Science practitioner was asked to pray for me. There was never any pain, and I felt no fear. And, of course, no medication was given me. I did not see the doctor again until the splint bothered me and we called him. He examined the leg and found the bone had aligned and made contact. Gradually the flesh filled in. I was in a wheelchair for a while, then on crutches, until one day I realized clearly God is my true support and walked unaided. My healing was complete, with no aftereffects.

These are among many blessings that have come through this Science of Christ. I have seen proof it never fails when we understandingly turn to God for guidance and healing.

(Mrs.) STELLA L. ENGLE
Ottawa, Kansas



On waking in the morning it is my custom to pray for myself, for church, and for the world. One day I suddenly realized I had accepted an uninvited guest into my consciousness. Before praying, imperceptibly and silently I had been indulging in a long outpouring of gripes and feeling very self-righteous about it. Fortunately, in the light of Truth, I saw that these were not godly thoughts, and certainly not in accord with the teaching of Christian Science. Therefore I proceeded to treat each gripe by replacing it with expressions of justice, gratitude, and love, until there were no further complaints to confront. My motto became "not gripe but gratitude."

Furthermore, it occurred to me to look up the word “gripe” in an unabridged dictionary. To my astonishment, among other meanings I found a definition that pointed to a form of pain. I had been having such pains, but had dismissed them with a few superficial words of truth, instead of thoroughly praying to uproot the real cause of the problem.

When I saw the tendency to complain for what it was—a negative mortal belief imposing itself on me—and replaced it with love and gratitude coupled with righteous judgment, the spasmodic pains disappeared completely. God’s law of prevention was seen to be operating in my behalf, and as I abided by it, I was free.

Another healing that required regeneration of thought was that of apparent hay fever. I spent the better part of three weeks confined to bed. I prayed, studied, and communicated with a Christian Science practitioner in the United States, who was helping me. (I was then living in the Bahamas.)

At the time I was serving as Second Reader, but I didn’t let this distress keep me from reading. It was remarkable that not one symptom was evident while I was in church, which showed clearly that this was a false, mental condition opposed to the truth.

Earlier, my husband and I had opened our home to a friend, who needed a place to stay for a short time until she was ready to leave the country. Her religious faith, customs, and thinking were different from ours, and she liked to argue about them. This created a disturbing, irritating atmosphere, and the obnoxious effect had remained even after her departure.

Now, in my prayer, I persevered in purifying my view of this individual. I clearly saw that these objectionable traits did not belong to her real nature as God’s perfect, upright child, and I felt the warmth of a compassionate, spiritual love envelop me. Immediately the irritant manifested as hay fever was healed. How true are Mrs. Eddy’s words (*Science and Health*, p. 463), “A spiritual idea has not a single element of error, and this truth removes properly whatever is offensive.”

In gratitude for blessings received through a larger understanding of God and of the spiritual universe, including man,

my desire is to serve better the Cause of Christian Science, which is doing so much for all mankind.

(Mrs.) MILDRED E. GREENWAY
Greenville, South Carolina

I witnessed the healings related by my wife and am happy to verify her testimony. I am grateful for the years of harmony this Science has brought to our home.

CLYDE BURTON GREENWAY



Christian Science was introduced to our family over fifty years ago by a physician who was treating my mother. She was subsequently healed of a nervous breakdown by relying solely on its teaching, and immediately thereafter we children were enrolled in a Christian Science Sunday School. My continued study of this Science has been the most wonderful and rewarding thing in my life.

I relate the following healing in the hope that it will encourage others to rely steadfastly on divine Truth even if their problems are of long duration. Mrs. Eddy writes in *Science and Health* (p. 410): "Every trial of our faith in God makes us stronger. The more difficult seems the material condition to be overcome by Spirit, the stronger should be our faith and the purer our love."

My faith was greatly tested over a period of many years by the recurrence of severe internal pain that incapacitated me for days at a time. Frequently I called a Christian Science practitioner for help through prayer. The pain was alleviated only to return some time later in a more aggravated form. On one such occasion, after I had spent several sleepless days and nights, my husband, who is not a Scientist, had his physician give me an injection to induce sleep. The doctor told me that the illness was due to gallstones and that I should undergo surgery to remove them. He left some pain-relief pills for my use.

In times of suffering it was not easy to reject the pills. However, I had learned many years earlier that God is the only phy-

sician "who healeth all thy diseases" (Ps. 103:3), and I did not take them. Finally, in a moment of extreme fear and pain, I felt strongly that I must throw out all the medication. Holding on to the pills meant that I doubted the healing power of God. I discarded the medicine with a certainty that this was an important step in the healing process. Deep study of the Bible and *Science and Health* followed.

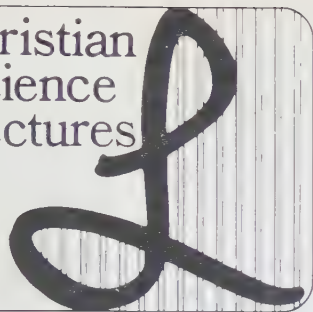
A friend, who is a Scientist, helped me, and her prayer uncovered traits of character that needed attention. I stopped focusing on the concept of a physical body requiring healing as I saw a need to be freed from jealousy, envy, self-will, and self-righteousness. What joy followed this awakening! In *Miscellaneous Writings* Mrs. Eddy states (p. 354): "A little more grace, a motive made pure, a few truths tenderly told, a heart softened, a character subdued, a life consecrated, would restore the right action of the mental mechanism, and make manifest the movement of body and soul in accord with God." This Christly transformation was taking place in my thought and life.

For several days during this purifying process, gallstones were expelled painlessly. It was after this beautiful healing that my deep desire for class instruction was fulfilled. The yearly association meeting is a treasured event.

My heart overflows with gratitude for our Master, Christ Jesus, whose purity and selfless love have stood as a beacon light for all mankind, and for his faithful disciple, Mrs. Eddy. Her love for humanity enabled her to illumine the precious words of the Bible through *Science and Health*. Above all, my humble gratitude goes out to the creator of heaven and earth, our Father-Mother God.

(Mrs.) GEORGENE A. NOLL
Wyomissing, Pennsylvania

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CAPE PROVINCE—Cape Town (Second): 3pm, Sun, Aug 26, "Why Spiritual Healing?" (McClain)*

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UNITED STATES

(Week of July 22 to 28 and some earlier dates)

ARIZONA—Tucson (First): Church, 3035 E 5th st, 8pm‡, Tues, July 24, "No, You're Not Trapped!" (Leever)

CALIFORNIA—Beverly Hills: Church, 142 S Rexford dr, 8pm‡, Thurs, July 19, "Quit Conspiring Against Yourself!" (Leever)

Big Bear Lake: Church, Cottage and Beaver lanes, 8pm‡, Sun, July 15, "Quit Conspiring Against Yourself!" (Leever)

Foster City (joint lecture): Foster City Amphitheater, Shell and E Hillsdale blv, 11am, Sat, July 28, "The Science of Christian Healing" (Hubbell)

Fullerton: Church, 1300 N Raymond av, 7pm‡, Sun, July 22, "Quit Conspiring Against Yourself!" (Leever)

Idyllwild: Idyllwild Town Hall, 25925 Cedar st, 3pm‡, Sun, July 15, "No, You're Not Trapped!" (Leever)

Los Angeles (Fourteenth): Church, 3690 Motor av, 8pm‡, Tues, July 17, "No, You're Not Trapped!" (Leever)

Newport Beach (First): Newport Harbor High School, Irving and Fifteenth, 8pm, Mon, July 16, "No, You're Not Trapped!" (Leever)
Note ‡ at church

Pacific Palisades (Thirty-seventh, Los Angeles): Church, 15201 Bestor blv, 8pm‡, Fri, July 20, "No, You're Not Trapped!" (Leever)

Pico Rivera: Church lawn, 7419 S Passons blv, 5pm‡, Sun, July 22, "No, You're Not Trapped!" (Leever)

Santa Monica: Church, 505 Arizona av, 8pm‡, Mon, July 23, "Quit Conspiring Against Yourself!" (Leever)

South Pasadena: 11am‡, Sat, July 14, "Quit Conspiring Against Yourself!" (Leever)*

Woodland Hills (Forty-third, Los Angeles): Church, 6117 Shoup av, 3pm‡, Sat, July 21, "Quit Conspiring Against Yourself!" (Leever)

ILLINOIS—Chicago (Second): Church, 2700 Pine Grove st, 8pm‡, Thurs, July 12, "There's Only One Real Ego" (Correll)

MICHIGAN—Detroit (First): Church, 4844 Cass av, 8pm‡, Thurs, July 19, "Spiritual Power and Its Application" (Correll)

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NEW JERSEY—Asbury Park: Paramount Theater, Boardwalk, 11am, Sat, July 7, "Justice Under God's Care" (Henderson)

NEW YORK—New York (Tenth): Church, 171 Macdougall st, 8pm‡, Mon, July 23, "Have You Found Yourself?" (Alton)

TEXAS—Carrollton (Fifth, Dallas): R. L. Turner
High School, 1600 Josey Ln, 8pm†, Mon,
July 9, "Quit Conspiring Against Yourself!"
(Leever)

McAllen: Tourist blg, Civic Center,
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(Leever)

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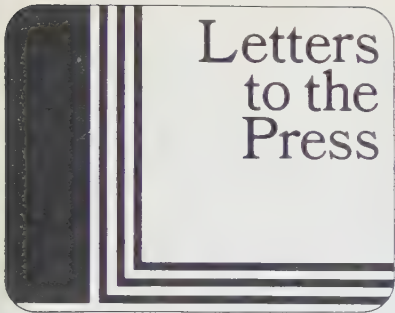
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Letters to the Press

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In *The Times-Picayune*
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re "Junior Editor's Quiz,"
Dec. 20, "Who was Mary Baker
Eddy?" The subject was han-
dled quite well, considering the
column was designed to provide
merely a brief sketch of the
Founder of a worldwide church.

Only in the first paragraph,
which improperly characterized
Christian Science as a religious
movement centered on faith heal-
ing, was there room for a more
complete statement.

The primary Christian purpose

of regeneration and salvation is
the true goal of Christian Science;
and in commenting on the natu-
ral function of prayer-based heal-
ing in such a purpose, Mrs. Eddy
maintained that healing "is only
the bugle-call to thought and ac-
tion, in the higher range of infi-
nite goodness" (*Rudimental Divine
Science*, p. 2).

Christian Science is [in full ac-
cord with] the inspired words and
works of Christ Jesus as recorded
in the Bible. Over the past cen-
tury, adherents of Christian Sci-
ence have endeavored to demon-
strate that the Master's example
of practical Christianity still has a
place of uppermost importance in
contemporary society.

There is much in the world to-
day that needs healing—hatred,
hunger, war, poverty, bodily ill-
ness, to name just a few. Essen-
tially, Christian Scientists believe
that prayer can offer much to-
ward resolving each of these indi-
vidual and global problems, but
it is the prayer that Christianizes
one's entire thinking and living
that is necessary.

WILLIAM E. MOODY
Committee on Publication

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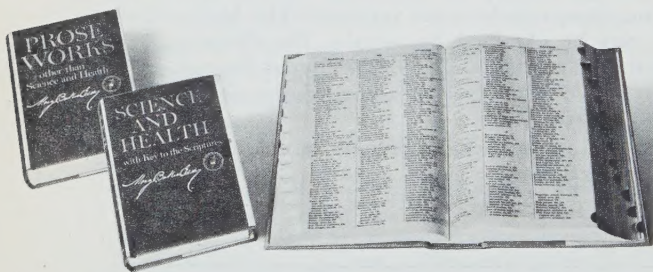
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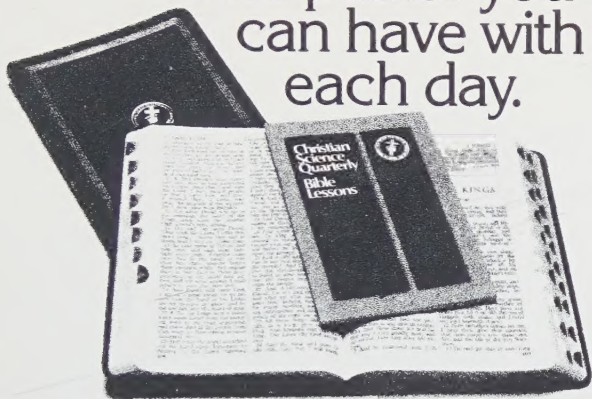
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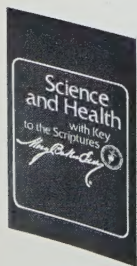
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